

In re Application of: Poplawski et al.  
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Examiner: T. Lewis  
Art Unit: 3681

**AMENDMENTS**

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend Claims 1 and 9, as follows:

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1. (Currently Amended). A vehicle comprising:  
a vehicle frame having at least one vertically oriented side frame member;  
a transmission housing directly mounted to a vertical face of the side  
frame member;  
a hydrostatic transmission mounted in the transmission housing and  
comprising a hydraulic pump and hydraulic motor connected through a hydraulic circuit;  
and  
an axle shaft driven by the hydraulic motor and extending perpendicular to  
the vertical frame member.
2. (Original). A vehicle as set forth in Claim 1, further comprising two  
vertically oriented side frame members, wherein the transmission housing is secured to  
one of the side frame members.
3. (Original). A vehicle as set forth in Claim 1, wherein the transmission  
housing is secured to the side frame member by at least one bracket.